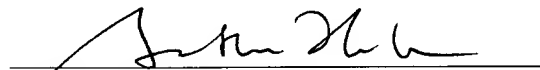




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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 2/17/04, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks is respectfully requested.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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